through NABARD and NCDC to enhance the storage capacity for perishable commodities. Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided to the eligible organisation @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling Rs. 60.00 lakh per project for North Eastern States. The Board has, so far, approved assistance of Rs. 208.17 crore under the scheme for creation of additional storage capacity of 31.79 lakh tonnes.

No study has been conducted to compare post harvest losses in India with other countries.

Assessment of benefits of Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana

2088. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the progress and benefit of Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana scheme to farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b)The implementation of the Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana (RKBY) was reviewed in the Conference of State Agriculture Ministers held on 14.09.2000 and also in the meeting of the Standing Committee of Union Ministers and Chief Ministers on Food Management and Agriculture Export convened on 31st October, 2001. Some recommendations such as rationalization of premium rates, limiting the sum insured, continuation of premium subsidy to small and marginal farmers were made.

Dead palms in Karnataka

2089. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of dead palms of coconut in Karnataka due to drought;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal seeking financial assistance to farmers for replanting;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government to sanction compensation to farmers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Government of Karnataka has informed that as per preliminary estimates, the total number of dried palms in Karnataka due to drought is 11.44 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Government of Karnataka has submitted a memorandum seeking central assistance of Rs. 1881.55 crores and 9.90 lakh tonnes of rice for drought declared this year. The financial requirements of Rs. 1881.55 crores *inter-alia* includes Rs. 192.50 crores for damaged horticulture crops including coconut. A compensation of Rs. 25,000 per hectare for estimated coconut area of 7626 hectare has been sought.

(d) The memorandum of Government of Karnataka is under consideration.

Oil seeds production

2090. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of oil seeds has declined in the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantum of oil seeds produced in Karnataka during the year three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of oilseeds in the year 2002-2003 is estimated at 157.5 lakh